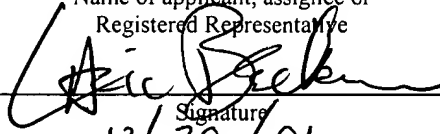


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being hand delivered to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 28, 2001.

Laric K. Beckman

Name of applicant, assignee or
Registered Representative



Signature

12/28/01

Date of Signature

Case No. 8285/238

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Maropis et al.

Serial No: 09/417,266

Examiner: R. Foster

Filed: October 12, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2645

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR PROVIDING PRE-PAID
LOCAL TELEPHONE
SERVICES

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated September 10, 2001 for a period of one month(s).



Applicant is:



a small entity, verified statement is:



attached



already filed



other than small entity

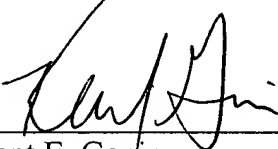
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

Fee Payment

- ☒ Attached is a check for \$110 for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 12/27/2001


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